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SUBJ: MAPPING ASSISTANCE TO SAUDI ARABIA

REF: A. USMTM 020733Z MAR 74 (NOTAL); B. JIDDA 1120 (NOTAL).

- 1. GEO ATT HELD RETURNED BEIRUT FROM TDY MAR 11
 AND JUST READ REF A. (MSG CONCERNS MODA'S REQ FOR
 ASSISTANCE IN MAPPING PRIORITY AREAS OF SAUDI ARABIA, APPARENTLY
 NEAR CERTAIN BORDERS.)
- 2. SUGGESTIONS CONTAINED REF B (THAT USMTM BE AWARE OF WORK ALREADY DONE BY MINPET'S AERIAL SURVEY DEPT--ESPECIALLY THROUGH KLM, HUNTING, AND FAIREY, AND THAT ROY JACKSON BRIEF USMTM IN DHAHRAN IN VIEW JACKSON'S LONG ASSOCIATION WITH MAPPING IN SAUDI ARABIA) SEEM SOUND.
- 3. SINCE REF A NOT RECEIVED HERE, SPECIFICS OF MODA REQ UNKNOWN HERE. HOWEVER, POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT MODA REQ MAY ARISE PARTLY FROM EARLIER DISCUSSIONS (EXTENDING BACK OVER 10 YEARS) BETWEEN USG REPS AND MODA/SAG RE US PROPOSAL FOR US-SAG JOINT MAPPING PROGRAM. IF SO, OR IF PROPOSAL CAN BE MADE SERVE MUTUAL PURPOSES OF SAG AND USG, USMTM AND EMBASSY MIGHT WISH RE-STUDY PROPOSAL AND INTRODUCE IT IF, OR AS, IT MIGHT BE CONFIDENTIAL

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APPROPRIATE. MOST SPECIFIC VERSION OF PROPOSAL IS CONTAINED IN

LETTER FROM RGO HELD TO MODA SURVEY OFF IN SPRING, 1972. (SPECIFICS NOT AVAIL, SINCE FILES ON SUBJ ARE NOW IN ATHENS SAFEHAVEN) EMB SHOULD HAVE CONSIDERABLE FILE ON PROPOSAL.

4. FYI: COMPETENT AS JACKSON CERTAINLY IS, HE MAY NOT BE FULLY ACQUAINTED WITH DETAILS OF DOD PROPOSAL FOR USG-SAG JOINT MAPPING. THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO HIS KNOWING DETAILS, AND HE MIGHT BE HELPFUL IN PROMOTING IT IN EARLY STAGES. HOWEVER, HE HAS NOT BEEN SUFFICIENTLY BRIEFED ON THIS SPECIFIC SUBJ TO PURSUE MATTER VERY FAR.

5. DEPT (INR MP) AND RGO BEIRUT WOULD APPRECIATE TELEGRAM ON DEVELOPMENTS IN AND STATUS OF MODA INQUIRY, AS WELL AS ON POSSIBLE APPLICABILITY OF PROPOSAL MENTIONED ABOVE. RGO IS OF COURSE WILLING TO ASSIST AS MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE. GODLEY

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